

### **REMARKS**

Claims 55, 60, 63 and 65-81 are pending in the application.

Claim 55 has been amended to recite that a “therapeutically effective” concentration of metronidazole or a pharmacologically acceptable derivative thereof is administered to treat Crohn’s disease of the anal rectum and perianal region. Support for the changes to claim 55 may be found in the present specification at page 1, lines 10-15; page 2, lines 11-17; page 3, lines 7-21; and page 5, lines 23-28.

Claims 60, 63 and 65-67 have been amended to address formal matters.

New claims 68-81 have been added. Claims 68-78 rely on claim 55 as an independent claim or base claim. Claim 79 is an independent claim that recites a method of treating a patient having Crohn’s disease. Claims 80 and 81 are dependent on claim 79. Support for the new claims may be found in the present specification at page 2, lines 11-23; page 3, lines 7-21; and page 5, lines 23-28.

Claims 1-54, 56-59, 61-62 and 64 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added to the disclosure.

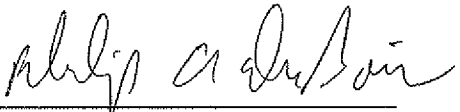
Responsive to the lack of unity determination imposed in the Official Action mailed June 11, 2009, Applicant elects the invention of Group II, drawn to a method of treatment of conditions that include Crohn’s disease. Applicant respectfully submits that all of the pending claims (i.e., 55, 60, 63 and 65-81) encompass the invention of Group II.

As to the election of species requirement, Applicant elects the administration of a therapeutically effective amount of at least one anti-diarrheal compound, as recited in claims 76 and 77. Applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims read on the elected species.

In view of the election of the Group II invention and the cancelation of claims 1-54, 56-59, 61-62 and 64, and early and favorable action on the merits is now believed to be in order.

Respectfully submitted,

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